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Philadelphia, March 4.—United States Senator Boies Penrose has made another ten strike for Pennsylvania in bringing about the selection of the camping grounds at Mount Gretna, in Lebanon county, by the national government, as a permanent rendezvous for the National Guardsmen of what will be known as the eastern district

of the United States.

The country has been divided into three districts, in each of which there is to be located a permanent encampment for the troops of the several states comprised within such district. The eastern district includes all of

New England, New York, Pennsylva-nia, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio and Michigan. It is estimated that there are over 50,000 militiamen included in the National Guard of these states. The purpose of the federal au-thorities is to have each year a grand encampment of the National Guardsmen in each of these districts. Under direction of the war department boards of officers were authorized to select suitable sites for these encamp-

General Brooke was assigned to in spect the various properties suggested for the encampment of the eastern district, and after a very careful inquiry into the facilities for transportation, the water supply and the general sanitary conditions of the numerous sites suggested, it was finally determined to locate at Mt. Gretna.

PENROSE WAS ALERT.

During the period when this subject was under discussion Senator Penrose was most attentive and solicitious for the interests of Pennsylvania. He had maps and other data prepared so that the availability of the Pennsylvania site might be favorably impressed upon the government officials. Several visits were made to Lebanon county and all the many advantages of this site were carefully presented. The result has been an official indorsement of the project and without delay the federal authorities will purchase about ten thousand acres of land in the vicinity of Mt. Gretna and begin to erect suitable buildings, construct water mains and make other necessary preparations to put the land in first class condition.

The intention is to have annual encampments, in which federal officers will supervise the work of the officers of the various state troops and give experience in handling large bodies of

The benefits which will accrue to Pennsylvania by the establishment of this encampment are many.

Every year the farmers and trades-men will be called upon to furnish supplies for over 50,000 men. Pennsylva-nia products will naturally be largely used and the revenue that will be de rived from the encampments will be quite large.

Besides the purchase of 10,000 acres for the encampment proper, the government will wish the use of fully 30,000 acres more for extended movements of the troops. For the use of this land the government will properly remunerate the property owners for any damage that may be done to crops or their land and other proper com-pensation will be given. This will pensation will be given. This will hians, whose property will be affected, nia, whose property will be affected, Senator Penrose, before leaving for Washington this week, stated that he

expects to bring out of the committee on immigration of the senate, of which he is chairman, the Chinese exclusion bill which has been drafted as the re-suit of the numerous hearings had by the committee of parties interested in this proposed legislation.

"I am satisfied," said Senator Pen-rose, in commenting upon this issue, "that the labor interests which have been heard through their accredited representatives, will be pleased with the form of the bill that will be reported to the senate. It has always been my belief that the American home should be protected from the encroach-ment of undesirable cheap labor from abroad and in this question of Chinese coolie labor we have to meet an issue which is of vital importance to every American citizen, to every man who has to work for a living, and who should be protected by the government against unfair, unjust and un-American competition.'

Another matter which will probably command Senator Penrose's carefu consideration within a few days is that of the oleomargarine legislation. The house has already taken action on this subject and it will now come up in

the United States senate WILL FIGHT OLEO. "My attitude on the question of the restriction of the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine colored in imitation of butter is well known" remarked Senstor Penrose. "The Republican or-ganization in Pennsylvania met that question bravely and emphatically at the last session of the legislature, with

view to protecting the farming and interests of the commonwealth. full accord with this policy, on this question satisfactory to

represent a great body in our American life. They comprise a sturdy, patriotic and public spirited element in our citizenship and they are entitled to every consideration at the hands of Pennsylvania's representatives both branches of congress."

BOOMING FAVORITES

Indiana Elects Strong Delegation For Elkin For Governor.

A CONTEST IN BLAIR COUNTY

Former Senator Brown, of Lawrence Formally Presented For the Nomination For the Lieutenant Gov ernorship.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, March 4.-Indorsements of home favorites for nominations by the Republican state convention were the features of the last few days in state politics. Attorney General John P. Elkin, who some time ago was declared to be the unanimous choice of the Republican committee of Indiana county on Saturday last had the satcounty, on Saturday last had the sat-isfaction of receiving an unopposed and enthusiastic backing from the Republican voters of that county at the primaries, at which time three delegates to the Republican state convention were elected and instructed to support him for the governorship.

The Elkin boom has also been very much in evidence in Blair county, where the primaries will be held on Saturday next. It developed that after the time for the registration of candidates in this county to be voted for at the primaries had passed, a supporter of L. A. Watres, of Lackawanna, pre-sented the name of that candidate for governor. When Mr. Elkin learned that if the party rules were enforced Mr. Watres' name could not be printed on the ballot he wrote at once to the chairman of the county committee and urged that this restriction be not adhered to, and that Mr. Watres be permitted to have his candidacy passed upon by the Republicans of Blair, along with that of his own. The result is that there is a free and open contest for the Blair county delega-

Lancaster county will elect delegates to the Republican state convention on Saturday next, and there is no doubt that the entire delegation will support Mr. Elkin. Secretary of the Common-wealth Griest is leading the Elkin forces, and he has with him nearly every influential Republican in the

county CONNELL NOT A CANDIDATE. Congressman Connell, of Lackawan-na, having decided not to be a candi-

date for governor, his friends have concluded to make no contest against Mr. Watres having the support of the Mr. Watres having the support of the delegates of that county, in which Mr. Watres also resides. While Mr. Elkin has many staunch supporters in Lackawanna, including Deputy Attorney General Fleitz, who is president of the State League of Republican Clubs, he has agreed that Mr. Watres should have his home delegation without on have his home delegation without op-

There has been several harmony schemes under way during the last week. A peace arrangement has been made between Senator Quay and Con-gressman Acheson, under which the congressman is to be renominated, and the members of the legislature from Washington county, who remained out of the caucus in the last senatorial contest, will go into the Republican caucus on the senatorship in January

This will mean that while they may not vote for Senator Penrose's re-election, they will not participate in any insurgent movement. It would seem at this time that there will be no serious opposition to the re-election of Senator Penrose. Former Con-gressman Huff, of Westmoreland, who was also active in the anti-Quay sena-torial campaign, will hereafter be found with the regulars. He is to be nomi nated for congress, and his supporters in Westmoreland county are all in favor of the re-election of Senator Penrose.

HARMONY FOR PITTSBURG. The latest news from Pittsburg is that there is likely to be a harmony plan adopted under which the factional fighting which resulted in the election the recent election, will be discon-

tinued. A home favorite for lieutenant gov ernor was sprung by Lawrence county on Saturday last, when former Sena-tor W. M. Brown, of that county, was indorsed for second place on the state ticket. Senator Brown is a well known and popular Republican and although some of his supporters have not been in harmony with some of the influential state leaders there are in-dications that they shortly will be working hand in hand with the regulars throughout the state for the success of the full Republican ticket.

Senator Brown was himself a stal wart of the stalwarts throughout the deadlock on the United States sena torship and would make a strong can

date on the state ticket.

The friends of Theodore L. Flood, of Crawford; of Dr. Reed, of Cumber-land, and Colonels Clement, of North-umberland, and Coryell, of Lycoming, will, however, continue their efforts for their respective favorites for lieutenant governor, and will not concede

Senator Brown a great lead over any one of their number.

For secretary of internal affairs, which will probably go to a soldier, Major Brown, of Erie, and General Schall, of Montgomery county, are the only candidates mentioned so far.

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